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**FIVE LOCATIONS STATEWIDE TO HOLD BAR ADMISSION
CEREMONIES MAY 6**

Nearly 700 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, May 6 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois State Bar Examination, a required ethics examination and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 472, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Skyline Ballroom of McCormick Place West. Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas R. Fitzgerald will preside over the ceremony with Justices Charles E. Freeman and Anne M. Burke participating.

Randolph N. Stone, clinical professor of law and Director of the Mandel Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School, will make the motion to admit the class.

Other guests of the Illinois Supreme Court will be: Megan Kaszubinski Ferraro, president of the Advocates Society; Ashanta Evans-Blackwell, president of the Black Women Lawyer's Association of Greater Chicago; Peter A. Steinmeyer, president of the Chicago Council of Lawyers; Cook County State's Attorney Anita M. Alvarez, president, Chicago Bar Association; Marian Perkins, president, Cook County Bar Association; Barry S. Goldberg, president of the Decalogue Society of Lawyers; Diamond Mendonides, president of the Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois; Leopoldo Lastre, president, Hispanic Lawyers Association; John G. O'Brien, president of the Illinois State Bar Association; Manish K. Mehta, president of the Indian American Bar Association; Cristina Mungai, president-elect of the Justinian Society of Lawyers; Jeremy Gottschalk, president of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago; Matthew Beaudet, president of the Illinois Native American Bar Association; Enrique Abraham, president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; Julie Bauer, secretary of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association and the Hon. Patrice Ball-Reed, president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

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**Bar Admission Ceremonies To Be Held May 6
Add One**

Representatives from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar who will be in attendance include: James R. Carroll, Lawrence N. Hill and Neil K. Quinn.

The 691 men and women were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys Thursday at ceremonies in the five Supreme Court judicial districts.

Here are the time and locations of Thursday's ceremonies:

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

Supreme Court Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 11 a.m., Appellate Court Building, 1004 Columbus Street, Ottawa.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Supreme Court Courtroom, Second and Capitol Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Gateway Convention Center, near Interstates 55/70 & Route 157, Collinsville.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to nearly 88,000.

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